

**JORDAN RIVER COMMISSON**  
**Governing Board – Regular Meeting**

*Minutes of April 7, 2016*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency or Organization</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Present by Alternate</b>
Chris McCandless	Board Past-Chair, Sandy City	X	
Aimee Newton	Board Chair, Salt Lake County	X	
Stan Porter	Board Vice-Chair, North Salt Lake	X	Ken Leetham
Ron Bigelow	West Valley City		Steve Pastorik
Stephen Willden	Saratoga Springs	X	Scott Langford
David Alvord	City of South Jordan	X	Don Tingey or Gary Whatcott
Richard Bay	Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District	X	Bart Forsyth
Jackie Biskupski	Salt Lake City		David Litvak, Simone Butler, or Lewis Kogan
John Bennett	Office of the Governor	X	
Michelle Weeks	Draper City		Jenifer Jastremski
Ben McAdams	Salt Lake County	X	Julie Peck-Dabbling
Jim Smith	Davis County	X	Barry Burton
Larry Ellertson	Utah County		
Jerry Benson	Utah Transit Authority	X	Hal Johnson
Debbie Snow	City of South Salt Lake	X	Mike Florence
Brian Cottam	Division of Forestry Fire State Lands	X	Laura Ault
Rich Cunningham	Utah House of Representatives		
Trent Staggs	Riverton City	X	Tish Buroker
Kim Rolfe	City of West Jordan		Chris McConnehey
Tee Tyler	Cottonwood Heights		Glen Goins
Dan Armstrong	Taylorsville		
Eric Gaddis	Division of Water Quality	X	Sandy Wingert
Scott Peters	Ex-Officio, Jordan River Foundation	X	Lynn Larsen
Alene Bentley	Ex-Officio, Rocky Mountain Power	X	
Jon Bronson	Ex-Officio, Zions Bank		Jonathan Ward
	Ex-Officio, vacant		
Greg Hardy	Ex-Officio, Chevron		
Michael Horrocks	Ex-Officio, Wasatch Rowing Foundation		
Soren Simonsen	Ex-Officio, At Large		
Greg Warner	Ex-Officio, Utah State Fairpark		Jeff Kooring
Kris McFarland	Ex-Officio, Workers Compensation Fund	X	
Tim Brown	Ex-Officio, Tracy Aviary		
Eric Ellis	Ex-Officio, Utah Lake Commission	X	

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Laura Hanson, Jordan River Commission  
Michaela Boothe, Jordan River Commission  
Brian Hougaard  
Lewis Kogan, SLC

Elliott Mott, TAC  
Barry Burten, Davis County Alternate  
Nic Dunn, SLCO  
Thomas Holstrom, CVWR

## MINUTES

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**A regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Jordan River Commission, was held on Thursday April 7, 2016 at 9:00 am at the Sandy City Hall, 10000 South Centennial Boulevard, Sandy, Utah 84070**

Aimee Newton, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. She welcomed the Board and thanked everyone for attending.

### **ITEM 1 – CONSENT AGENDA**

Aimee Newton asked for a motion to approve the January 21, 2016 consent agenda.

**Motion – Greg Hardy**  
**Second – John Bennett**  
**Vote – Unanimous in favor.**

### **ITEM 2 – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Aimee asked Laura Hanson to give the Director's Report.

Laura Hanson said the [www.jordanrivercommission.com](http://www.jordanrivercommission.com) (and .org) got an updated look. It is easier to find information; she recommended everyone take a look at the changes.

The JRC received a \$16,000 grant for Puncturevine Management along the Jordan River Parkway Trail. We also received \$20,000 for phragmites growth at two shallow ponds in Riverton. The JRC received \$20,000 to help remove invasive vegetation at Pioneer Crossing Park in West Valley City.

Laura wanted everyone to be aware of three upcoming grant deadlines. The grants include State Parks Recreational Trails Program, the Division of Water Quality Section 319 Funds/Non-Point Source Pollution Program, and the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food Invasive Species Management Grant. These are all due May 1, 2016.

The JRC has been working on the Cottonwood Pond project to assist with phragmites removal, trash clean up, and thinning vegetation. The JRC hired an engineer intern from the U of U to redesign the banks of the pond to allow for planting of native wetland plants.

Laura gave an update on Pioneer Crossing Park. The 12-acre area is a proposed nature park in West Valley City. Salt Lake County has made serious efforts to begin removing the invasive vegetation, pulling out deadfall, and clearing the site of the homeless camps. The JRC received \$20,000 in grant funding to contribute to the effort.

The JRC is working with the Division of Water Quality to implement an evaluation on the relationship between water flow and the level of dissolved oxygen on the Jordan River. She expressed gratitude to Erica Gaddis for her technical assistance in this project.

A RFP was released for a consulting firm to design a signage plan for the entire Jordan River Parkway Trail. It will be funded by a grant from the Salt Lake County Board of Health and will be administered by the City of West Jordan.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual *Get into the River Festival* is underway. May 12, 2016 is Conservation day. There are 15 trailside conservation projects, and 5 in-river clean-ups planned. On May 14, 2016 there will be 13 festival locations along the Jordan River corridor, put on by a collaborative effort. The JRC partnered with the River District Business Alliance to host a free concert at the Fairpark on May 14<sup>th</sup>, where two local bands will be playing. Annual recognition awards will be given out as well.

***No action taken. Discussion only.***

### **ITEM 3 – Technical Advisory Committee**

Laura Hanson gave a brief update for this committee. She said this group brainstormed and crafted a mission statement and set clearer responsibilities for the Technical Advisory Committee. They asked for feedback from the Governing Board. Laura read the statement to the board and suggestions were made. Richard Bay recommended that item 5 (the planning efforts) be shared by the Governing Board. Ken Leetham said the TAC's purpose is to advise the GB. Laura Hanson said she would take the suggestions back to the TAC and bring a revised statement for the Governing Board to review at a later meeting.

### **ITEM 4 – Continued Business**

There was no continued business.

### **ITEM 5a – Review Tentative Budget for FY17**

Laura Hanson gave a thorough review of the Jordan River Commission budget. She explained that there was a small budget increase for outreach, a small decrease for postage, and a switch from a desktop version of Quickbooks to an online version which would cost the same. She also explained how the amortization expense works and that it is part of the accounting process. We do not make money as an organization, and only have enough to cover our expenses. Any excess funds go towards small grant projects.

Aimee asked if there were any questions. Ken Leetham asked salary increases. Laura said she did not add any raises into the budget, and that there wasn't money to do so. A few members of the governing board suggested that a cost of living increase be calculated into the budget; Laura said she would look into it. Ken Leetham asked if the administrative committee could create a policy to have these salary increases built into the membership dues. Aimee said it would be a great agenda item for the Governing Board to discuss.

The governing board also discussed cities that still need to join the JRC. They include Murray, Midvale, Lehi and Bluffdale. Trent Staggs, Richard Bay, and Aimee Newton said they would be willing to help in the effort to get these cities to join the Commission. Aimee Newton asked for a motion to hold a public hearing on May 5, 2016.

**Motion – John Bennett**

**Second – Alene Bentley**

**Vote – Unanimous in favor.**

**ITEM 5b – Thank you to Utah State Senate Legislature and North Temple Bridge Partners**

Aimee told the board about the funding that was received to complete the final segment of trail between North Temple and 200 South in Salt Lake City. Thank you notes will be sent to everyone who helped to make this happen. Laura Hanson said it was a combined effort through the Legislature, the Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, and Rocky Mountain Power.

Aimee Newton asked for a motion to formally thank all who helped to make this possible.

**Motion – Richard Bay**

**Second – Lewis Kogan**

**Vote – Unanimous in favor.**

**ITEM 5c – Confirm Date for Bi-Annual Strategic Planning Retreat**

The JRC is considering two possible dates for the Bi-Annual Strategic Planning Retreat. The suggested dates were September 29<sup>th</sup> and September 30, 2016. It will be hosted at UVU and will go from 9am to 4pm. Laura explained that it will be a great opportunity to discuss what ULC would like to have for their next big initiative. The JRC Governing Board, the TAC committee, the Utah Lake Commission, and Great Salt Lake Advisory Committee will be invited. After discussion, it was decided that Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> is the best day to calendar this event.

**ITEM 6a – South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District – Brian Hougaard**

Brian Hougaard discussed what this organization does and gave some suggestion on handling mosquito problems while doing projects along the river. He said that the South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District is one of three mosquito abatement districts in the Salt Lake valley. Their district covers about 15 cities. They have 5 full time staff members, and they hire about 25 seasonal employees each summer. Their organization began because of the nuisance of mosquitos, and now has transitioned because of the West Nile virus.

Their mission statement is to safeguard the health, welfare and comfort of the public by controlling mosquitos and black flies, with an emphasis on safety, high standards, environmental awareness, cost efficiency, responsibility and leadership.

Brian explained the life cycle of the mosquito, about their horse trough program, and their black fly control methods. He said they use integrative pest management, knowledge, surveillance, and physical, biological, and chemical methods to control the mosquito problem. He explained how they monitor mosquito numbers and test for West Nile Virus. He said mosquitos not like deep water or water movement, and it is important to keep this in mind when doing projects along the Jordan River. He said they would be happy to give recommendations if they have future projects to complete.

***No action taken. Discussion only.***

**ITEM 6b – Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility – Tom Holstrom**

Tom Holstrom said the Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility is the largest wastewater treatment plant in Utah. It was constructed in the 1980's and uses both physical and biological methods for water treatment. They service about 500,000 residents in the Salt

Lake Valley. He displayed an aerial view of the plant. The plant uses UV disinfection, anaerobic digestion, has a composting system, provides irrigation water, and has a capacity of 85 mgd. He also explained about future nutrient level limits and the cost that is associated with meeting those limits.

The CVWRC is thirty years old now and their equipment is designed to last about 20-25 years. They have completed a program to identify rehabilitation needs, and it is estimated it will cost \$50M in the next 5 years to meet them.

Richard Bay asked about having the Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility join the Jordan River Commission. Tom said he would check with others that work with him to discuss the partnership.

***No action taken. Discussion only.***

**ITEM 7 – Public Comment Period**

Aimee Newton asked if any members of the public would like to address the Board. There were none.

***No action taken. Discussion only.***

**ITEM 8 – Other Business**

Aimee Newton asked if any members of the Board had additional business to discuss. There were no comments.

**ITEM 9 – CONFIRM NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the Jordan River Commission Governing Board is scheduled for May 5, 2016, 9:00-11:00, with the public hearing beginning at 9:30 am at Taylorsville City Hall.

On motion and second, the meeting was adjourned.